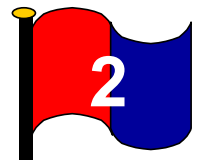




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2nd BRIGADE COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

Soldiers of the DAGGER BRIGADE –

I wish all of you and your families a happy and safe holiday season. I appreciate your understanding of the importance of our mission as you have either been away from your families or worked incredibly long hours during the past eleven months. I encourage each of you, to the fullest extent possible, to take advantage of the block leave days, 23-27 December. Use this precious time to be with friends and family as well as reflecting on why our mission is important in protecting our way of life.

I also ask that as we celebrate the holiday season, you think about the Soldiers overseas who can not be home for the holidays for they continue to face the dangers of being in a foreign land fighting the war on terrorism. While capturing Saddam is a milestone event, we must not let down our guard. There is much more work to be done to ensure the American way of life continues. You, the Soldiers of the DAGGER Brigade, have made a significant contribution in the war of terrorism and should be proud of these achievements. You trained over 16,000 soldiers and will train another 3000 in the next couple of months. You often created training scenarios that were creative and adaptive to meet the unique mission requirements of the units we were training. This would not have been possible if it were not for your commitment to the mission of this Brigade. You are the best America has to offer – you are patriots, you are Soldiers one and all. Once again thank you for your service and your sacrifice and Happy Holidays!

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Holiday Greetings from the Chaplain:

I would like to take this time to thank all the families for their courage and dedication in the absences of their loved ones. You are very special to the military family and we need you. My prayer to God for you is that he will provide, protect, and sustain you and your loved ones at a time when our nation is demanding more and calling for its citizens to be strong during these unsettled days. May you be richly blessed and prosper in health and abundance in the years to come. Merry Christmas!

Chaplain Richard I. Maestas

Photo of the Month

One photo will be selected each week to be in the newsletter. These photos come from soldiers in the 2nd Brigade. Photo by SFC Robert Haines 1/360th INF
Pictured: President Bush



2nd Brigade Soldier Named Firefighter of Year

SFC Juan Villafana 2/362nd AR was named Firefighter of the Year for El Paso County. As a volunteer, Villafana works a minimum of two 24hr shifts per month as well as attending training two nights per month. He earned his certification as a firefighter in 1994 when he was assigned here at Fort Carson from 1993-1996. He is an EMT/IV which means he is certified to put in IVs and holds an additional certification as a Wild Land Firefighter. After Villafana retires next year, he will stay in the area where he has been offered a position with the Westcott Fire Department in Glen Eagle.



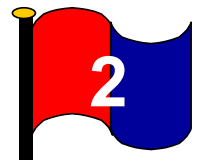
SFC Villafana, 2/362nd AR, volunteer Firefighter



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2nd Brigade OPFOR Supports Special Forces Recruiting Commercial

Ten soldiers from the 2nd Brigade OPFOR participated in 10th Special Forces Group recruiting commercial at Range 60 and Range 133. Range 60, the MOUT site was transformed into a market scene with the OPFOR soldiers playing residents of the village.



SGT Aquisto, 3/360 CS/CSS gets made up for his role as a villager. Photo by 1LT Dale Burrage, 1057th TC.

Soldier Returns to 25th ID for Exercise

By CPT Chris Ford, 1/359th RTBn
(edited for length)

2nd Brigade's priority unit, the 116th Separate Armor Brigade (enhanced Separate Brigade), also commonly referred to as the 116th CAV, participated in the 25th Infantry Division (Light) Warfighter Exercise from 21-26 Oct 03. The exercise was held at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii.



LTC Keen, 116th FSCOORD and 1-148FA Commander, with MAJ Patty, 1/359 RTBn

MAJ Al Patty, 1/359th RTBn recently left the 25th ID(L) in June 2003 and said it was a great feeling to assist the 116th CAV in Hawaii. MAJ Patty's focus for the exercise was to assist the fire support team with developing a good Targeting Meeting SOP and maintaining situational awareness in the Fire Support Element. With many contacts in the division, MAJ Patty was able to assist the FSCOORD through liaison with the other maneuver brigades, as well as the Division Artillery and 115th Field Artillery Brigade headquarters. "I think the 116th CAV contributed to the division's success and continued to develop their procedures as a brigade TOC." General Herdrix (Retired) was the Senior Observer for the exercise and was pleased with the progress of the brigade when he visited the TOC.

3/360th Medical Team Operates Troop Medical Clinic



SPC McBride, 3/360th CS/CSS assists in the TMC. Photo by SGT Goff

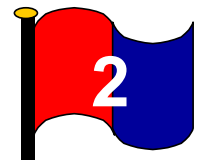
3/360th Medical Team led by Major Laurel Anderson, established a Battalion Aid Station(BAS) during the Afghan National Army(ANA) mission to reduce the number of training hours lost during the 3-4 hr wait at sick call at TMC 10. The BAS saved an estimated 2,000 hrs of training time. With Operation Iraqi Freedom 2 upon us, the BAS moved to TMC 7, where with assistance from MEDDAC, will serve up to 4,000 soldiers. On the first day of operation, 47 soldiers were treated. TMC 7 is located in Building 1151.



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Afghanistan National Army(ANA) Mission



SSG Bratton 3/361st CS/CSS receives a VIP brief as she role plays the Vermont Adjutant General.



SECFOR soldiers takes SGT Goff 3/360th CS/CSS captive when he is mistaken as an Afghan rebel on the black list



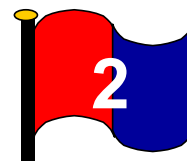
SSG Sagness 2/361st CS/CSS is detained by SECFOR soldiers



MAJ Holmes, HHC 2nd Brigade and CPT Gage 3/362 AR perform exercise control activities in white cell.



MSG Delancey, 2/362 FA instructs Call for Fire.



AWARDS AND PROMOTIONS



LTC Powell awards SFC Flores with the Saint Barbaras Award
Photo by MSG Patrick Valdez

MSM

CPT Elrod
SFC Romero

ARCOM

MAJ Slider
MAJ Smith

AAM

MSG Wangler
SGT Breitfeller

SAINT BARBARA

COL Miller
MSG Williams
SFC Flores

MAJOR

MAJ Slider
MAJ Holmes

CORRECTIONS TO PREVIOUS ISSUE

- 1) CPT Egsgaard was promoted to Major
- 2) 1LT Jones was promoted to Captain

NOTE: If any of your soldiers receive awards or promotions during the week, please notify the 2nd Brigade, 91st Division Public Affairs Office at (719) 526-4750 or (719) 524-0917 or (719) 338-0780 cell. If you want photos taken of your soldiers, let the PAO know in time to schedule a photographer.

The Public Affairs office extends a special thanks to the guest contributors of this issue.

MOBILIZATION EXTENSION ID CARDS/DEERS INFORMATION

For Reservists being extended, our individual orders will be distributed next week and we will go to the SRP site to have our ID Cards, wills, etc updated.

DEERS will be updated automatically

Dependent ID cards do not have to be updated as long as the dependent carries with them a copy of your extension orders. If they wish to update their ID cards, they can find a RAPIDS site close to them by using the site below and entering their zip code:

<http://www.dmdc.osd.mil/RSL/>

Here are some common locations provided by MAJ Bradbury, 2/356th LSB.

Dugway Proving Grounds, Bldg 5240, Dugway, Utah - call for appointment Monday-Friday from 0700-1630 (closed for lunch from 1300-1400) @ (435) 831-2244

Utah Air National Guard Base, Bldg 18, 765 North 2200 West, Salt Lake City, Utah - call for an appointment Monday-Thursday @ (801) 595-2331

Navy/Marine Reserve Center, Douglas Reserve Center, Salt Lake City, Utah - call for an appointment Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1300-1500 @ (801) 736-4201 Ext 0

Hill Air Force Base, Bldg 150, Customer Service ID Section, Layton, Utah - call for an appointment Monday-Friday from 0800-1600 @ (801) 586-5437.

HQ Utah National Guard, 12953 South Minuteman Drive, Draper, Utah - call for an appointment Monday-Thursday from 0800-1600 @ (801) 523-4337

96th RSC Family Readiness Center, Bldg 131, Douglas Reserve Center, Salt Lake City, Utah @ (801) 656-3393/1-800-348-0039

Idaho Army National Guard, Bldg 665, Gowen Field, Idaho, call for an appointment Monday-Friday from 0800-1600 (closed for lunch 11:45-12:30) @ (208) 422-3800.

UP COMING EVENTS

Ride the Ski Bus- \$40

Take advantage of the best ski deal around. A.P.E. provides your lift ticket and transportation, plus knowledgeable guides that can familiarize you with the mountain and assist with

Dates:

Dec. 20 Copper Mtn.
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Dec. 22-29 Copper Mtn.
Dec. 30 Copper Mtn.
Dec. 31 Copper Mtn.

Jan. 10 A-Basin or Keystone
Jan. 11 Copper Mtn.
Jan. 16 Vail \$55
Jan. 24 Copper Mtn.
Jan. 25 Copper Mtn.
Jan. 26 Copper Mtn.
Jan. 31 Copper Mtn.

Ice Climbing-\$35

Climbing a frozen waterfall is a truly unique and rewarding experience that will inspire and entice as you move upward, balanced on crampons and ice tools. Throughout the day you will learn basic movements and techniques of climbing ice.

Dates: December 28 January 3, 17